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11 November 2013**

**The General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
40 Cherry Street
Ballina 2478**

Dear Sir

Attention: Skye McNamara

Re: Proposed Skate Park Site - Crawford Park Alstonville

I wish to submit my objection to the above site which is opposite my home. My concerns being:

- 1: NOISE :from both the users and the amount of vehicles that will be looking for park to drop children off or just adults who skateboard and also the boards constantly going back and forward.**
- 2: LOST OUTLOOK: I love the outlook onto the park from my home I feel like I am in a beautiful village and not a concrete jungle.**
- 3: THE LOSS OF VALUE: to my property. With the noise factor, rubbish as kids eat and even if there are bins never use them, drinking and I mean alcohol which doesn't seem to be policed this creating many additional problems in itself and I can see my brick fence used as seating especially weekends when peace and tranquility will never be had again if this proposal goes ahead.**

I am horrified at this suggestion and wonder why this cannot be put in the new sporting complex planned in Wollongbar, or away from the residential area e.g. out on Gap Road near the hockey fields this is still in walking distance for kids and more room for cars as this is already an established sporting field.

Yours faithfully



Marilyn Whitehead

48 Foresters Way
Tintenbar
NSW 2478
11/11/13

Mr Paul Hickey
General Manager
Ballina Shire Council

Dear Paul,

Re letter dated 6/11/13: Skate Park Locations Alstonville Wollongbar (13/0067553)

Proposed Park Crawford Park Alstonville

I am writing to you regarding the proposed Skate Park which is situated next to my property 129 Ballina Road Alstonville.

Unfortunately these facilities always create a lot of noise and disturbance and to propose building a Skate Park adjoining a residential property would have a very negative effect on the resale of this property.

Currently I have long term tenants who have lived in my house for twelve years and their privacy and living conditions would be greatly disadvantaged, this is something that I do not want to see happen. Unfortunately the wife of my tenant has just been diagnosed with a very serious illness situated in the cerebellum of her brain. This condition is one that is debilitating, painful and is causing much hardship to the family. The stress and noise from a Skate Park nearby would cause further hardship to these families' lives, at the same time putting even greater trauma and tension into this ladies incapacitating illness.

Apart from my own personal disapproval of the current site, I am most concerned that it is situated right next to Ballina Road. This facility would be used by young children who get absorbed in the excitement of watching and participating in skating activities resulting almost assuredly in someone getting either badly injured or killed by a passing motorist on this busy road into the town. It would be totally irresponsible to put a children's play area bordering on the edge of a major busy road.

Alstonville is not short of sporting grounds or vacant areas in the town and surely there is a location that is away from the residential area that is safer and would have less affect on nearby residents

Paul, I trust that this proposed Skate Park's location is reviewed as totally unsuitable and Council look at other more preferred sites

Yours faithfully

Col Lee



MRS & MR NEAL
10 FREEBORN PLACE
ALSTONVILLE QLD

Dear Mr. Skye Mc Namara

(13/0067553)

Re Proposed Skate Park in Craeford Park Alstonville
Skate Park locations Alstonville Alstonville 13/0067553

I'm reply to your letter asking for comments.
We have lived in Freeborn Place for over
30 years next to the walkway. Have you any
idea how noisy skate boards are, they come
pacing through the walkway all hours at
night, 2 & 3 in the morning. I would say
the noise would increase 10 fold with a
skate park

Has there been any consideration to have
sound barriers if Craeford Park is
chosen.

My husband has been clearing up the
walkway (alcoholic bottles cans litter etc)
for 30 years & mowed it for many years and
now at 86 it is getting past him, also
the skate in this area would increase a
lot of litter.

The quality of life around the park has
degraded since being made soccer field
(with no consultation) from a recreational park
which I understand was for the use of
all Alstonville residents, being left by
Mr Craeford to council for that
purpose.

Yours faithfully
Mrs Neal
(Margaret Neal)
M & M Neal
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14 November 2013

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Ballina Shire Council
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BALLINA NSW 2478



Dear Skye

RE: Proposed Skate Park in Crawford Park, Alstonville

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above proposal as referred to in your letter of 6 November 2013.

Our family wishes to lodge our strongest objections to the proposal, most of which apply equally to the proposal to build a pre school in Crawford Park. Steve Barnier will have copies of correspondence that we have submitted to Council regarding the pre-school, and we request that you consider this material in the same vein for the skate park proposal.

The specific concerns that we have in regard to the skate park proposal are:

1. Risks – see attached photos taken at 5.30pm yesterday 13 November 2013 which show flooding conditions in very close proximity to the proposed skate park site following a heavy rainfall event. Crawford Park is a drainage catchment and the possible consequences of death by drowning following heavy rainfall events will have been recognised by Council. However the construction of the skate park would increase the frequency of possible accidents due to it being an attractant to (mostly) males in age groups that are risk takers and who may decide to enter flooded waters. That is, Council will be inviting a larger number of people to the nuisance or risk, than would otherwise be present;
2. Noise and impact – we are concerned about noise, disturbance and loss of amenity which would follow if the skatepark was constructed. With the Alstonville by-pass recently completed and many less cars and trucks now passing through the township, many local residents including ourselves, have now regained a degree of amenity and far less noise;

3. Passive amenity versus development – we are concerned that Council seemingly appears intent on reducing open spaces and public parkland available for passive activities and enjoyment, to be replaced by developments and uses such as the preschool and the skatepark. As we mentioned in our submissions about the preschool, is this the thin end of the wedge that we are now starting to see in terms of development of Crawford Park? It certainly appears that way. We think the current balance of uses, activities and commercial/recreational development (eg the soccer club, the swimming pool and the gym) in this area is about right in terms of impact on local residences. This would change for the worse if any further development was permitted. Council needs to appreciate that passive enjoyment and recreation are legitimate uses in their own right, the built environment isn't always necessary or beneficial;
4. Anti social behaviour – construction of the skatepark would likely result in anti social behaviour, possibly not so much from genuine users but more from hangers on and others who are attracted to the area. We would expect to see an increase in vandalism, rubbish and graffiti. The walkway between houses at the end of Freeborn Place has in the past been the site of anti social behaviour and rubbish and this may increase if a greater number of youths use this walkway to access the skatepark. Regardless of any signage that Council might install regulating the hours that the skatepark could be used, this signage will be ignored and people will be using the facility from very early in the morning until very late at night, which will impact on nearby residents;
5. Scenic amenity – the area proposed for the skatepark offers an attractive scenic amenity as one enters the township from the east, particularly as the streetscape in that section of Ballina Road from the new entrance of the highway to Crawford Park is fairly dreary and unattractive. It would be a shame for tourism and for the character of the township if the current vista is replaced by a concrete skatepark.

Kind regards

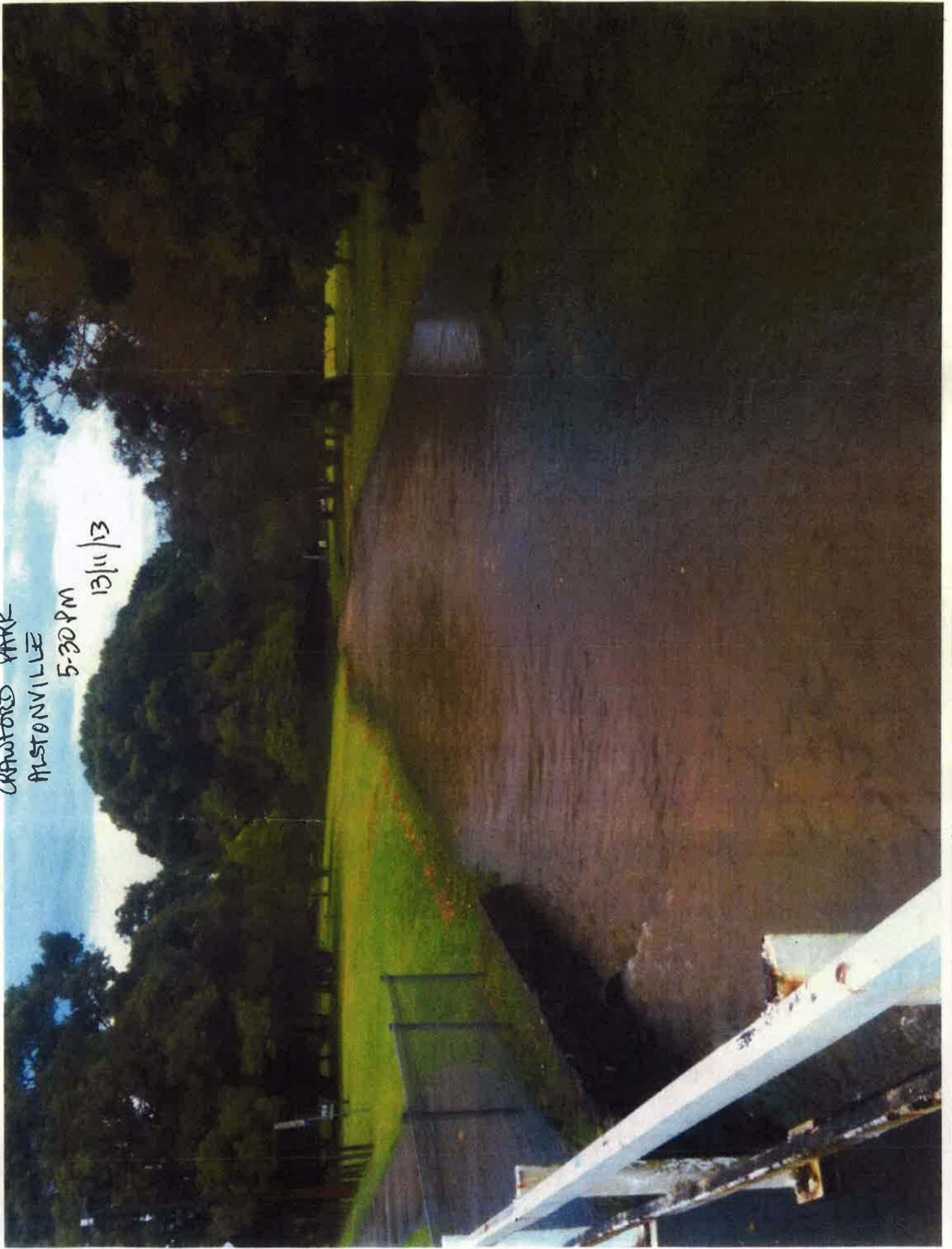

The Murray family (David, Fiona, Jasmine, Brooke and Abbey)

Attachments; Flooding conditions in Crawford Park, 13/11/13

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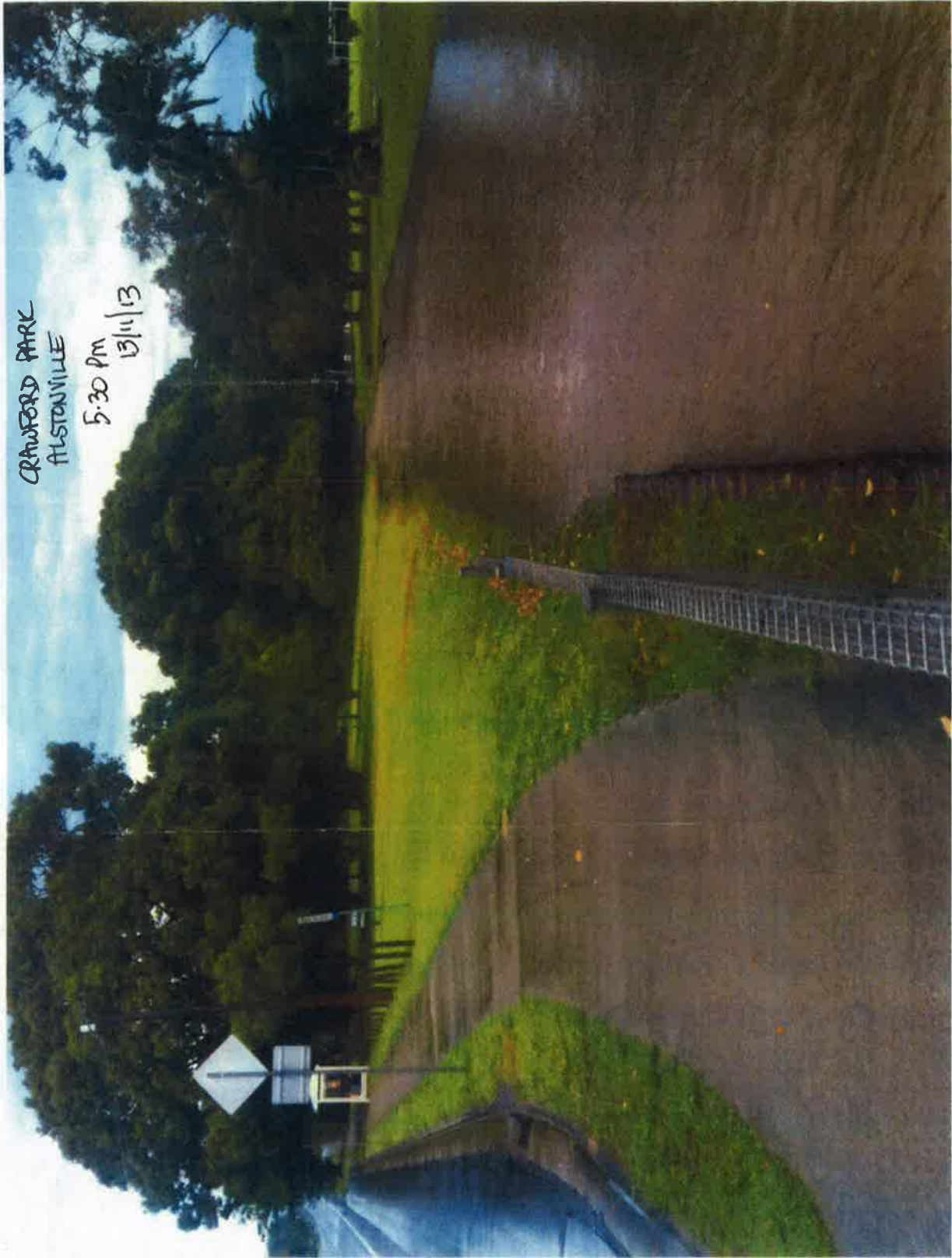
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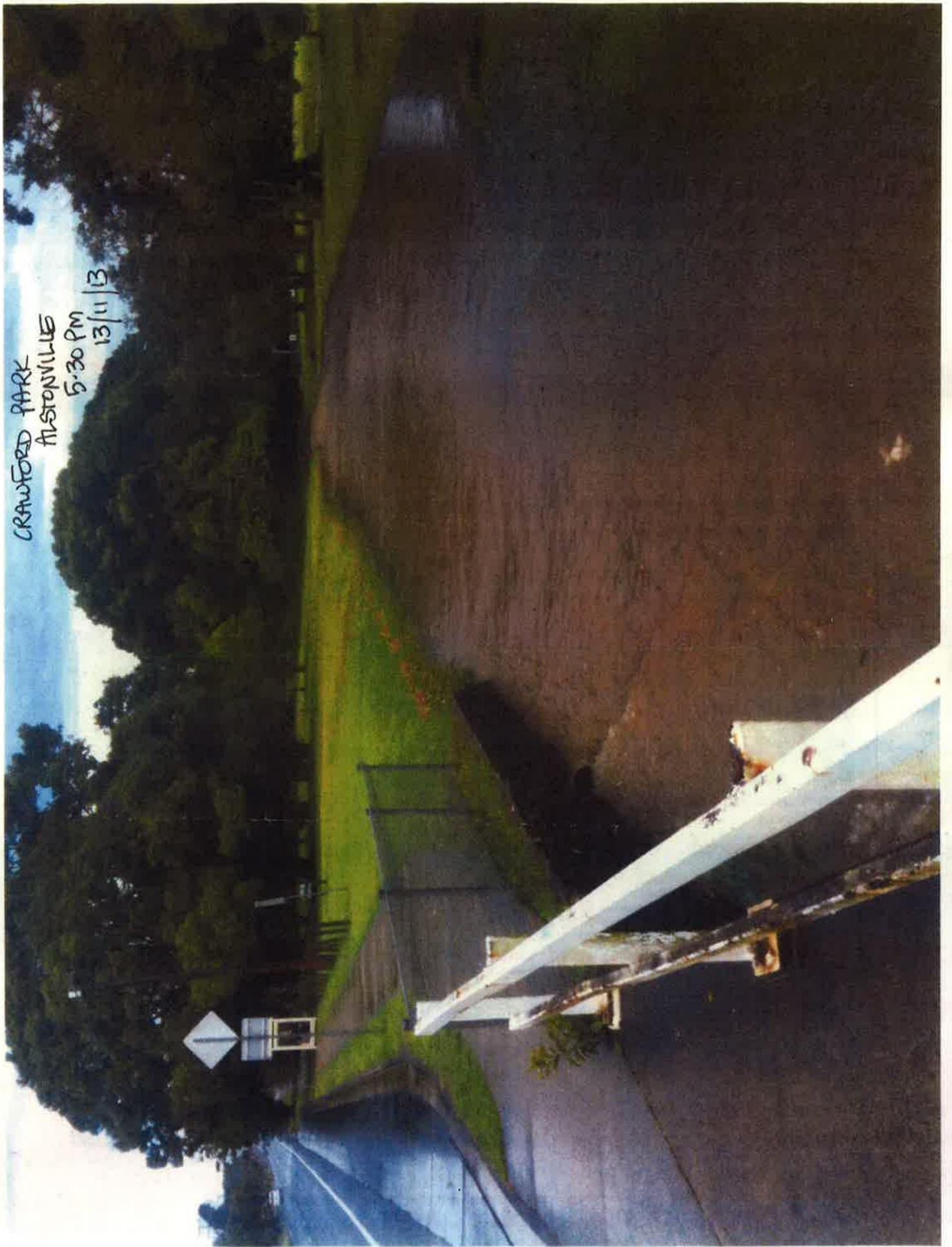
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Skye McNamara

From: Bronwyn Corby <bronwyn@webshield.net.au>
Sent: Saturday, 16 November 2013 6:14 PM
To: Skye McNamara
Subject: Skate Park Locations Alstonville/Wollongbar

Hi Skye,

Apologies for my late response, I am a part of the Owners Corporation SP 11507 (Unit 7, 130 Ballina Rd, Alstonville) and our Strata Managers were a little late in forwarding your letter.

Having lived in Alstonville briefly and having worked there for 14 years, I agree that a skate park would be a good thing for the young people of the community, however I don't believe that the possible location of the facility in Crawford Park would be particularly suitable.

I am not a skate park user (although I imagine that may change as my kids get a bit older!) but I have noticed that skate parks are generally situated next to or near other community facilities (not residential areas as such), and would also require parking spaces, lighting and toilet facilities. The Crawford Park location does not appear to offer any of these facilities, and furthermore is right on a main road and is surrounded by residential properties.

I hope that one or more of the other possible sites are suitable, and that Crawford Park is not considered for the skate park. Obviously it would be difficult to find a similar site to Ballina's skate park in the Alstonville area, but it does seem to me that the Ballina skate park ticks all the boxes (ease of community access location, other facilities, non-residential etc), where the Crawford Park site would be hard pressed to tick even one or two.

I would also request that if possible any further correspondence about this matter would be addressed directly to the nearby property owners and tenants, rather than (in our case) through the managing agent. In some cases it may even need a short visit to various homes, as there are quite a number of people living in the area on disability pensions.

Apologies again for the lateness of my response, if Council does pursue this particular site further I will endeavour to respond in a more timely manner next time!

Regards,
Bronwyn Corby

Skye McNamara

From: Patricia Buckley <patbrian1@bigpond.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 19 November 2013 7:19 AM
To: Skye McNamara
Subject: Scate Board Ramp

Good Morning Skye, I spoke to you by phone last week re the proposed skate board ramp in Crawford Park, Alstonville. As I am unable to attend your meeting at the park on Wednesday 20th I would like to say, My husband @ I own unit 1, 34 Ballina Rd, opposite where the skate board ramp is proposed, we believe this to be a very dangerous position as it is a T Junction, no parking, outside a bus shelter and an extremely busy Rd, we notice children and teens use skateboard ramps and we think this position to be inappropriate. I believe There is already a park set up for children called Geoff Watts Oval, which has toilets, and parking and swings and play area, just around the corner from this proposed area, we would like to recommend that this be a far safer and convenient area for the skateboard ramp. Regards Pat & Brian Buckley.

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